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In re Application of: **MICHAEL S. TIGNOR ET AL.**Application No. **09/682,997**Filed: **11/06/2001**For: **DIGITAL RATING PLUG FOR ELECTRONIC TRIP UNIT IN CIRCUIT BREAKERS**

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